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SUBJECT: EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ARAB SUMMIT

REFERENCES: (A) STATE 114888, (B) KUWAIT 2728

1. OMANI CHARGE APPROACHED DEPARTMENT MAY 5 WITH REQUEST FOR U.S. POSITION TOWARD CURRENT JORDANIAN AND KUWAITI EFFORTS TO PROMOTE ARAB SUMMIT, NOTING THAT BEFORE DEPARTING WASHINGTON TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN MUSCAT, OMANI AMBASSADOR HAD INSTRUCTED HIM TO SEEK DEPARTMENT VIEWS. CHARGE ADDED THAT AS ONE OF ARAB LEADERS WHO INITIALLY
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CAME OUT PUBLICLY IN SUPPORT OF SADAT INITIATIVE, SULTAN QABOOS FOLLOWED SADAT'S STRATEGY WITH INTEREST AND CONCERN.

2. NEA/ARP RESPONDED ALONG LINES OF PARA 5, REF A, AND REF B, STRESSING CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE USG CONTINUES TO ATTACH TO SADAT INITIATIVE. WE NOTED THAT USG HAS NO POSITION ON ARAB SUMMIT EXCEPT INsofar AS IT MIGHT AFFECT

SADAT NEGOTIATING STRATEGY AND PEACE PROCESS IN GENERAL. WE SAID THAT PARTIES ARE NOW AT DELICATE STAGE IN NEGOTIATIONS, AND WE WOULD HOPE TO AVOID ANY DEVELOPMENT WHICH MIGHT UNDERCUT SADAT INITIATIVE OR ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS.

3. OMANI CHARGE APPEARED PLEASED BY COMMENTS, AND SAID

HE WOULD RELAY USG POSITION TO MUSCAT.

4. CHARGE SIZER MAY WISH TO MENTION THIS CONVERSATION TO AMBASSADOR AL-HINAI, WHO WILL REMAIN IN MUSCAT UNTIL MAY 18. IF APPROACHED WITH SIMILAR QUERY, OTHER PENINSULA POSTS MAY WISH TO DRAW ON REF A FOR APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. VANCE

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